

## **Resilience as a task: How to help people in fragile regions to cope with complex crises**

**FoRS conference, 9-10/11 2022**

**Venue: ARA Palace, Perlová street 5, Prague**

Our times are characterized by the growing impacts of climate and other environmental crises, armed conflicts, including the war in Ukraine, and the ensuing food crisis in fragile regions of the world, especially in areas of great importance to the EU – Africa and Middle East. The conference, organised on the occasion of the Czech Presidency of the EU Council, provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of development cooperation and the role of civil society as a key element in strengthening the resilience of local communities in developing countries to respond to an increasingly unstable situation.

### **Programme**

**The conference is held under the auspices of Foreign Affairs Minister Jan Lipavský  
and Minister for European Affairs Mikuláš Bek**

#### **DAY 1 (Wed 9/11/2022)**

**13:30-14:00 Registration and coffee**

**14:00-14:10 Intro/Welcome Speech**

**Mr. Pavel Příbyl**, Director of FoRS

**Mr. Jiří Kozák**, Deputy Minister/CZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**14:10-14:30 Keynote speech**

**Ms. Tanya Cox**, Director of CONCORD Europe

**14:30-16:00 Panel 1 - Introducing the context and challenges - The impact of complex crises on local communities and the role of development cooperation**

**Ms. Evelien van Roemburg**, Head of Oxfam EU

**Mr. Richard Walker**, Regional Director Africa/People in Need

**Mr. Martin Ronceray**, Policy Officer/ECDPM

**Ms. Marta Úbeda Rodríguez**, Policy Officer/DG INTPA, European Commission

**Ms. Hana Volná**, Deputy Director of DC-HA Department/CZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs

*Moderator: Ms. Åsa Thomasson, Policy Advisor/CONCORD Sweden*

**16:00 - 16:15 Coffee Break**

**16:15 - 17:45 Panel 2 - Policy approaches and cases of good practice in strengthening resilience of local communities, especially in the Middle East and Africa**

**Mr. Muhammed Hammady**, Country Director Ukraine and Syria/Caritas Czech Republic

**Ms. Serkalem Getahun**, Environment, Livelihood and Agriculture Expert/People in Need Ethiopia

**Ms. Kalkidan Lakew Yihun**, Program Coordinator for CARE's Women (in VSLAs - Village Savings and Loan Associations) Respond initiative/CARE international

**Ms. Åsa Thomasson**, Policy Advisor/CONCORD Sweden

**Ms. Hana Volná**, Deputy Director of DC-HA Department/CZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs

*Moderator: Mr. Ondřej Horký-Hlucháň, Senior Researcher/Institute of International Relations Prague*

**18:00- 19:30 Reception + Socializing**

## DAY 2 (Thu 10/11/2022)

**09:00-09:20** *Morning coffee/tea*

**09:20-09:30** **Welcome and Introduction to day 2**

**09:30-11:00** **Panel 3 – How to foster resilience of local communities via complex solutions**

**Ms. Marta Úbeda Rodríguez**, Policy officer/DG INTPA, European Commission

**Czech Development Agency Representative** (tbc)

**Mr. Petr Němec**, Researcher and Project Manager/Mendel University, and **Ms. Monika Sedláková**, Project Manager/Holistic Solutions

**Mr. Richard Walker**, Regional Director Africa/People in Need

**Mr. Erik Siegl**, Head of Projects abroad/Diaconia ECCB

**Mr. Pavel Růžička**, Director of Empress/Platform for Sustainable Consumption and Production

*Moderator: Ms. Lenka Suchá, Researcher/Global Change Research Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences*

**11:00-11:15** *Coffee Break*

**11:15-12:45** **Panel 4 – Focus on Ukraine – Stabilisation and reconstruction aspects**

**Mr. Pavel Havlíček**, Policy expert/Association for International Affairs (AMO)

**Ms. Lucie Chudá**, Desk Officer for UA, MD and GE/DC-HA Department, CZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Mr. Marek Štys**, Head of Humanitarian Programmes/People in Need

**Ms. Dagmar Kuchtová**, General Director, Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic

**Ms. Vladlena Martsynkevych**, Project Leader/CEE Bankwatch Network

*Moderator: Mr. Ondřej Kopečný, Director of Transparency International CZ*

**12:45-13:00** **Introduction to workshops/afternoon programme**

**13:00-14:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00-15:30** **Workshops**

**Workshop 1: Technological innovation in development in relation to food security/Mr. Ondřej Nádvořník**, Advisor for Innovations in Relief and Development/People in Need + **Mr. Scott Ronchini**/Asset Creation, Livelihoods and Resilience Unit/WFP

**Workshop 2: CONCORD Aidwatch 2022 report in detail/Mr. Salvatore Nocerino Telleria**, Policy and Advocacy Adviser/CONCORD Europe

**15:30-16:00** **Wrap up and Final words**

**16:00-17:00** **Networking reception, departures**



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